

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 239

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, SN, US

SUBJ: CIVAIR: SIA COMBINATION SERVICE TO U.S.

REF: A. SINGAPORE 1031 B. SINGAPORE 1884, C. STATE 118110

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED OF CAB JUDGE'S DECISION BY GOS  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS APRIL 9. SIM KEE BOON SPOKE  
WITH EMBOFF, WHO EXPLAINED THAT ADMINISTRATIVE LAW  
JUDGE'S FINDINGS WERE ONLY FIRST STEP IN CERTIFICATION  
PROCESS. IN SUBSEQUENT LETTER TO AMBASSADOR, SIM SAID,  
"NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE ARE RATHER TAKEN ABACK BY ALL THIS  
AS WE THOUGHT THIS PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE BILATERAL  
HAD BEEN THRASHED OUT AT SOME LENGTH BETWEEN US AT  
GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL AND HAS NOW BEEN RESOLVED TO OUR  
MUTUAL SATISFACTION.

"COULD YOU KINDLY USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO HAVE THIS  
CONDITION REMOVED OR NEUTRALISED BEFORE THE MATTER  
ESCALATES FURTHER."

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: REF A GIVES OUR VIEWS ON THIS  
QUESTION. FTL REP TOLD EMBASSY THAT HIS AIRLINE COULD  
NOT ADVERTISE THE SUPERIORITY OF ITS SERVICE IF IT WAS  
USING SAME HANDLING AGENT AS ITS MAIN COMPETITOR. WE  
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WOULD HOPE THAT FTL HAS OTHER ASSETS, HOWEVER, SUCH  
AS RELIABILITY, FLEXIBILITY AND CONVENIENCE, WHICH  
WOULD ENABLE IT TO COMPETE IN THIS MARKET. PRESUMABLY  
FTL HAS ACCESS TO NOTES OF LAST FALL'S NEGOTIATING  
SESSIONS AND IS AWARE OF LONG-STANDING GOS POSITION  
ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WE HOPE THAT THIS PROVISION WILL BE MODIFIED BY THE  
FULL BOARD; FTL SEEMS TO BE COMPETITIVE IN HONG KONG  
AND TAIWAN WHERE, WE UNDERSTAND, THERE IS ONLY ONE  
AUTHORIZED FREIGHT HANDLER. ALSO, BY INSISTING ON SELF-  
HANDLING -- AND ISSUE WHICH IS AT BEST AMBIGUOUS IN  
NEW AGREEMENT -- WE MAY BE WEAKENING OUR CREDIBILITY  
IN INSISTING AN OBSERVANCE OF LETTER OF THE LAW IN THE  
MATTER OF TARIFFS (REF B). THE LATTER COULD WELL TURN  
OUT TO BE VASTLY MORE IMPORTANT TO FTL'S OPERATIONS  
HERE.  
HOLDRIDGE

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